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WITHIN THE WEEK

If events of world-rocking import were not popping all over the face of Europe we could more clearly discern the pattern of our great progress in the Pacific.

It is now crystal clear that we are gathering sea strength to attack the Philippines. That meaning is implicit in our nullification of the Marianas and the Carolines. We are bldg a corridor, soon to be screened by ships and planes, assuring safe approach for our transports as they advance upon the Philippines. Japanese war lords see the signs and can do nothing to avert their doom.

From the Philippines we can move on to the coast of China, to Formosa, and to the heart of Japan itself. Even more significant in the long run, we shall sever Japanese communications to the Indies, thus dooming the far-flung empire of the Rising Sun.

All this is weeks—months—away. But it is coming, surely, relentlessly. It was the force of these implications, no doubt, which led Churchill to forecast "an earlier end to Pacific warfare than we have heretofore dared hope."

But, pleasing as this prospect is, it has its economic repercussions. Should both our wars end within the space of a few mo's, our business structure would be shaken to its foundations. Wholesale unemployment, resulting from cancella-

tion of war contracts, could scarcely be averted. However, most military men in the Pacific continue to think in terms of '45.

EUROPE: Although political upsets, rather than battles, dominated the wk's headlines, these actions directly reflect battles fought and those to come. Whether Turkey now becomes an active participant at war, on the Allied side, is an academic question. She has, tardily, fulfilled her destiny. Nor are Finland's next moves of vital strategic importance in the overall war picture. Mannerheim, wily old fascist, will take his little country out of war if he can.

Whether Bulgaria and Romania contrive to desert the Nazi cause, or are blasted into impotence thru force of Allied arms, the result will be equally devastating to Germany. The Nazis started this war politically in the Balkans. They are now losing it in that same area. Teheran planned it that way.

We approach that period of which Dr Goebbels spoke in dark prophecy. (You will recall we gave you a rough translation of his words in Jan, '43) "If the day should ever come when we must depart. . . we will slam the door with such force that the universe will shake and quake, and mankind will fall back stupefied." Beware the thrusting agonies of a dying dragon!



SHIFTING SANDS

Business interests are beginning to ask what policy War Dep't will follow in releasing armed personnel at conclusion of European war. Query can't be answered in detail, because even high-ups don't yet know. Much depends on WHEN and HOW war ends. Armed forces are already eliminating older men in relatively inactive posts on basis (a) they are least desirable soldiers; (b) they have experience which will fit them for executive and supervisory posts in business and industry. Conversely, youngsters will be retained longer because they are best fighters; furthermore, when finally released, many will continue education at gov't expense, causing minimum upset in labor marts. Program may be worked out where considerable numbers are schooled (in Europe) while still technically in military service. . . In any case, do not expect wholesale releases. Every possible precaution will be taken to avoid chaos and unemployment.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"You're 26-game girls, ain't you?"
—Comment of a breezy blonde, approaching a War Bond booth in lobby of Chicago's Field bldg.

"I'm so sorry—I've just discovered that I'm reading yesterday's news. Shall I go on?"—British radio commentator, reported in *Punch*.

"I am very grateful to the Americans. This is magnificent!"—Mayor of a Normandy village, upon being told that fishermen could keep their entire catch, instead of having to share it, as they did under German occupation.

"You can't count the votes in August!"—Gov EARL WARREN, of Calif, asked if his state will go Republican in Nov. (California has 1½ million population increase. Election result may well hinge on these new voters. Best guess: they tend Democratic at ratio of about 5 to 3.)

"Three terms for a president are one too many. . . Mr Roosevelt's record could be much better than it is and Mr. Dewey's much worse, and still the public interest would demand a change."—*Baltimore Sun*, in an editorial announcing that the paper, normally Democratic, will support Dewey. The *Sun* backed Mr Roosevelt in '40.

"Go out and get the dough if you want political action to succeed. I hope we get \$25 million. We want all we can get. The more we get, the more we can spend. The more we spend, the better congress we will have."—DAVID J McDONALD, sec'y-treas of United Steelworkers and finance chairman of the CIO Political Action committee.

"Civil aviation in this country will be seriously impeded unless double the number of present airfields are constructed within 5 yrs after the war. The airport is the basis of all aviation development, just as the highway is the basis of all automotive development."—WM A M BURDEN, asst sec'y of Commerce, commenting on a forthcoming CAA report to congress.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"In Hollywood they don't like my English is too pairfect. You think my English is too pairfect?"—CARMEN MIRANDA, S American bombshell, in an interview with EARL WILSON.

"As a politician, Miss Hayes is a good actress."—HAMILTON FISH, opposed by a group of his intelligentsia neighbors (including Miss Hayes) in his campaign to win a 13th term in Congress. . .

"As a politician, Mr Fish is a ham actor."—HELEN HAYES.

P S. Mr Fish won the nomination.

"I married a pin-up girl and became a pinned-down boy."—Doleful plaint of a Marine, overheard in Chicago's union station.

"There's plenty that's got the right change."—Comment of N Y newsdealer, scorning patron who picked up a magazine, tendered a dollar bill in payment.

"Frankly, I'm beginning to be bored with beards."—MONTY WOOLLEY, actor, whose luxuriant facial adornment used to command a lot of attention. Now, he complains, there are just too many bearded brethren.

"I will not accept such a ridiculous offer. I shall not permit my name to be used in any such connection."—Gov JOHN W BRICKER, Ohio, commenting on action of Gerald L K Smith's America First group in nominating him for vice-pres. (Smith heads ticket.) Nomination was later accepted by HARRY ROMER, St Henry, Ohio, retired merchant and farmer.

"This parley might possibly be described as the penicillin of the peace effort, which may stop gangrene from developing in our internat'l life."—ERNEST BEVIN, British Labor Minister, commenting on Internat'l Labor conference at Phila.

"But Superman does it all the time!" — DONALD VARY, 7-yr-old Rochester, N Y lad, who broke both legs in effort to soar from 2nd story window.

"Perhaps Pres Roosevelt's dictation of a Wallace nomination might have won out, but the party refused to accept such dictation from the CIO."—Sen SAM'L D JACKSON, Permanent chairman Democratic Nat'l convention.

"As leader of the Republican party today, I reverently place this wreath before the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. May God make us worthy of his spirit and his name."—THOS E DEWEY, at Springfield, Ill.

"I fear greatly to raise false hopes, but I no longer feel bound to deny that victory may perhaps come soon."—WINSTON CHURCHILL, addressing House of Commons on progress of the war. (Churchill is being criticised for failure to add caution that early victory hinges upon war workers remaining at posts.)

"It is not the American way to parade our doubts or difficulties. . . That look of coolness and calm we wear is not complacency, but a reasoned and honest confidence."—SOPHIE KERR, writing for Scripps-Howard Newspapers.

"I can't understand why the Germans take out their spite on helpless civilians and children. No matter where you follow them you find floors littered with thousands of little odds and ends that women hoard for sentimental reasons. And look at that doll, deliberately destroyed. I think I could kill a man who'd do a thing like this."—Allied Commanding Officer in Normandy, quoted by ROBT J CASEY.

"He promises to be another Pad-
erweski or Alec Templeton."—En-
thusiastic press release on a young
man now in the navy.

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"In '10 there was one person on
the Federal payroll for every 264 of
nat'l population. Today, the figure
is one civil servant to every 41 per-
sons in the U S."—LAWRENCE SULLI-
VAN.

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"Alaska is miles and miles of just
nothing but miles and miles. The
wind blows from two directions and
it rains horizontal."—Comment of a
soldier ret'g from a northern cam-
paign.

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"A good deal of so-called juvenile
delinquency is not primarily the
fault of the child. It results from
what might be termed 'adult paral-
ysis'."—LEE H HARBOTTLF, executive
Toledo area Boy Scout council.

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"Damn it, a GI's work is never
done."—Plaint of a tired serviceman
with Allied forces in Normandy.
Weary after a hard day, he retired
to a ditch to sleep, only to find it
occupied by six Germans. He
promptly claimed the men as pris-
oners, marched them back to camp.

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"I can't go on with this. Let me
out of here!"—AUDREY MILLER, Can-
adian and former Chicago ice show
star, fleeing a St Paul federal court
room during a naturalization cere-
mony. Explanation: in the same
room for the same purpose, was a
former mbr of the Japanese army.
The ex-officer, American born, is
now in U S service.

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"I'm a farm boy and I'm so lone-
some for the farm that I don't
know what to do."—Comment of a
Cadet from a nearby naval station,
who called at the ranch of Mrs.
Ben Matula, of Corpus Christi, Tex.
(He spent the day contentedly
chauffeering a tractor.)

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"Both the Democratic and Re-
publican platforms are cowardly
because they do not lead the people
to better things."—Bishop G BROM-
LEY OXNAM, addressing Methodist
committee on Crusade for Christ, at
Chicago.

"He has a sweetie in every sta-
tion!"—Wife of a Toledo ry mail
clerk, seeking divorce in Domestic
Relations court.

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"It wasn't supposed to be a good
picture. It was supposed to be en-
tertainment."—A Hollywood Pro-
ducer miffed at criticism of a re-
cent release.

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"A flood of Dewey money showed
up, so we had to cut his price."—
JAS J CARROLL, well-known betting
commissioner, of St Louis. (Former
odds on Roosevelt: 1 to 3; new price,
2 to 5.

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"Soldiers in the period after the
fight will not have the morale and
enthusiasm of the fighting front, so
chaplains will need to keep them on
an even keel and help in the rein-
tegration of the men into commu-
nity and church life."—Col GEO F
RIXEY, Jr, deputy chief of chaplains,
addressing 40 Methodist candidates
for chaplaincies.

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"This society is long on advice
and short on work."—Charter mbr
of Society of Goldbrick Papas.
(Founded in New Guinea, society is
composed of married servicemen
who specialize in long-distance
counsel to their wives on technique
of rearing offspring.)

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"We'll get to the Soo some way, I
suppose, but if the OPA knew the
agony involved in a smoky train
trip for a victim of asthma and hay
fever, I'm sure there would be a
release of sufficient gasoline to per-
mit carloads of sneezers to go north."
—Mrs WILNETTA HEVERLY, Kalama-
zoo, Mich, spokesman for CaChoo
club, informal group of persons
suffering seasonal allergies.

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"The customary alibis would
sound pretty fantastic to some GI
in a foxhole; we're going to brush
'em aside."—HAROLD T SMITH, Mil-
waukee district OPA director, de-
claring that local ration boards will
henceforth refuse full gasoline ra-
tion to holders of B and C books
who use cars for home-to-work
driving, but do not belong to a car
pool and regularly carry a full car
load.

"I've shaken hands with 10,000
people in the last day or two, and
I am ready to do it all over again."
—Sen HARRY S TRUMAN, recuperat-
ing in Kansas City.

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"They keep predicting that Roose-
velt will die in office if he's re-elect-
ed. . . They keep saying that I'll die,
too, and I'm almost 92. I hope
Roosevelt fools 'em."—Mrs. MARTHA
E TRUMAN, mother of Democratic
v-p candidate.

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"The conclusion is inescapable
that part of the increased traffic ac-
cident toll, as well as the increased
travel, is due directly to use of black
mkt gasoline."—DONALD S BERRY,
spokesman for Nat'l Safety Coun-
cil, pointing to 10% increase in
traffic deaths over same period last
yr.

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"I've washed him and washed
him; a little of the war paint is just
beginning to come off."—JANE WAG-
NER, of Chicago, commenting on
condition of her discharged canine
hero, Lt Bozo, a Dalmatian, fresh
from service in S Pacific. (To de-
crease visibility, the black and white
dog was camouflaged a deep
bronze.)



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

The Errors of Psychiatry—HENRY C LINK, *American Mercury*, 7-'44.

NOTE: This article is arousing wide comment. *American Psychiatric Ass'n* brands the charges "ridiculous." Dr Link is a well known psychologist and counselor in human relations.

Psychiatry is an important profession with many victories to its credit. But rule-of-thumb decisions of some practitioners are creating mental cases at an appalling rate.

Mental and emotional casualties in this war are already immense. Of 2,836,000 draftees classified before induction as unfit, 35% were rejected as mentally unfit or deficient. Of this number, 802,000 were rejected for mental disease or neurological defects.

The physically disabled of this war will be tragedy enough, but no less tragic will be the army of mental casualties. The country will be crowded with mental and emotional cripples, produced by the excesses of psychiatry geared to create or aggravate the very disorders it is supposed to cure.

In formally branding a man a neuro-psychiatric*—whether rightly or wrongly—a long step has been taken toward making him one.

A woman recently haled her discharged soldier husband into court for non-support. His reply was that he was "emotionally unstable," incapable of holding a job. And he had an Army psychiatrist's word for it!

An occasional individual may fight the classification; a great majority will carry the stigma on their minds and hearts forever.

* The Army has now dropped the term "psycho-neurotic" from the records of registrants.

CHURCH—Contributions

Father Jos Regan, a missionary in S China, concluded a recent sermon with a strong plea to support the parish.

Immediately after the service, his washer-woman, San Sao, advanced to the sanctuary and placed \$2 on the altar rail. Others, magnetized, followed suit. The collection totaled \$10.30.

The next day the priest sought San Sao to thank her for the liberal contribution.

"Contrib?" said the old woman, puzzled. "I just bring what I find in your pocket when I wash last wk."—*Catholic Transcript*.

CIVILIAN—Tribulations

Being a civilian is no cinch. If you're pessimistic, editorial writers claim you're a defeatist. If you're optimistic, they call you complacent. And if you're not pesty or opy, then you're just apathetic. — WALTER WINCHELL.

DRINK—Drinking

Two mbrs of the old fraternity who hadn't seen each other in many moons paused to exchange the mystic grip and a bit of gossip.

"How's old Bill these days?"

"Oh, he's much improved since his operation."

"Operation? Didn't know he'd had one."

"Oh yeah; they removed a brass rail that had been pressing against his foot for yrs."

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The surest way to lose your health is to keep drinking to other people's. —*Laif*.

EDUCATION—Postwar

"I have been talking with a young veteran of this war who has completed 25 missions, is now in the U S for recruiting service.

"This soldier wants to complete his education, but says he has become a man as a result of his experiences, and that the small-time stuff which once glamourized school for him had passed. He believes that because this is a mechanized war, most of the men who ret'n will have to have some work in the schoolroom which will occupy their

hands as a supplement to their minds."—A reader, quoted in *Business Wk*, 7-22-'44.

FREEDOM—of Action

The only place where one can act, speak and think just as one pleases is in the insane asylum.—*Your Personality*, Spring '44.

Man & Beast

The traveling man's eyes bugged out of their sockets when he entered a small gen'l store in rural Mo and saw a dog seated in a chair, pushing discs about on a board with his front paws.

"You mean ot say," he cried incredulously "that dog is actually playing checkers."

"Sure," said the prop placidly,

"I learned him."

"Why man, do you know what you've got there," said the excited salesman. "You could go into vaudeville and clean up a fortune with a dog as smart as that!"

"Can't see as he's so blamed smart," sniffed the merchant. "I beat him the last three games, straight."—*Contributed by C J STAAKE*.

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A ranchman living alone in deep Wyo claims to have the smartest horse in the world, bar C2X.

"Here awhile back," he recalls, "I slipped and broke a laig. And do you know what that horse done?"

"Tucked you in bed, no doubt," nazzarded a dude, "applied the anesthetic and set the splints."

"Well, he drug me t' my bunk, and then run 5 mi to fetch a doctor. But I got t' admit tho," the rancher added grudgingly, "he did slip a mite. He fetched back a horse doctor!"

GOODNESS—Expression of

The wise man allies himself with Good. He is a miniature sun, giving off light, warmth. Like the sun, he demands no personal credit and makes no effort to get recognition. The sun does not thunder. It simply shines.—THOS DREIER, *The Vagabond*.

IGNORANCE—Comparative

According to Uncle Joe, the farmer and the city feller are pretty much alike. They're just ignorant on different subjects. — *Country Gentleman*.

INCONGRUITY

A moth leads an awful life. He spends the summer in a fur coat and the winter in a bathing suit.— *The Royal Neighbor*.

INSTALLMENT SELLING

A proud mother walked into the furniture store, clutching a small monthly payment. She placed it on the counter happily. "Here," she said "is the last installment on our baby carriage."

"That's fine," said the clerk, "And how is the baby?"

"Oh," said the mother, "he was drafted last month."

LABOR—Scarcity

A teen-age youth who escaped from the Indiana State School for the Feeble Minded was apprehended a month later—working in a war plant at \$40 a wk.

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"I hear our cook, who took that job in a munitions plant, is having a hard time getting herself a maid." —*Cartoon caption by D'ALESSIO*.

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Ad in a Texas wkly: "WANTED—A boy to milk 5 cows while I harvest 250 acres of wheat. The boy can have all the milk brings and I'll feed the cows."

LANGUAGE—of Religion

Words connected with religion have, to the average person, lost all clear meaning. The word God is either used to swear by, or it represents an uncomfortable emotional urge that should not be indulged. The word soul suggests mawkishness and soulful is wholly derogatory. Virtue suggests prudishness.

To a great majority all these words represent a foggy yearning, the subjects of talks late at night—preferably with glass in hand—a subconscious problem that we call introverted when sunlight and the day's business obliterates it.—*HESTER PICKMAN, "The Religious Education of Children," Harper's Bazaar, 7-44*.

LIBERTY

Do we not rest our hopes too much upon constitutions, laws, courts? These are false hopes. . . Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it. . . When it lives there, it needs no constitution, law or court to save it.—*Judge LEARNED HAND, speaking on "I-Am-An-American" Day*.

Not so Savage. . .

A chaplain in the S Seas was invited, with some of his boys, to visit a village inhabited by head-hunters. An exchange of entertainment was proposed.

The Americans were just a bit nervous, but an impromptu glee club rendered *Star Spangled Banner*, *Army Air Corps* and a few other selections. The natives listened without change of expression. Then, upon signal from their chief, proceeded to take over.

The Americans relaxed, awaiting weird, eerie music from the natives who sat cross-legged before their tom-toms. But they sat upright when these men, in shrill high voices began singing, "She'll be comin' round the mountain, when she comes." — *The Woman*.

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On my 1st day in Samoa I undertook to give a lesson in Basic English to an aged native reclining beneath a coco palm. Pointing to a marine cleaning his carbine, I said "Man." The ancient repeated, "Man." Pleased, I pointed to the palm. "Tree," I announced. He echoed. Just then a plane roared overhead. Pointing my finger, I demanded, "What?"

The native stood up, squinted. "I'm not sure," he said. "It looks like a PB2Y, but it might be a B-24."—*Lt S N, quoted in American Magazine*.

OPINION—Confirmed

Usually when people demand a clarification, they want things clarified their own way.—*Editorial, N Y Times*.



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MEGAPHONE**

Follow-thru on several items previously mentioned: (1) As predicted, with OPA ceiling in force, fewer cars are being sold thru dealers; more private sales and doubtless many above ceiling levels. (2) As result of white-hot GI indignation, War Dep't has advised camp commanders that Geneva convention does not specifically require that captive officers be saluted, thus our enlisted men, henceforth, are not to be req'd to salute officer prisoners of war. (3) As further step to relieve famine in low-priced merchandise, WPB this wk ordered 50 million yds cotton fabrics set aside each quarter for low and moderate-priced clothing. Mfgs are req'd to turn certain percentage of production into clothing selling within specified price limits.

Since specific ban on pleasure driving was lifted in northeast, there's marked increase in use of cars for nonessential purposes. Recent check shows 25% of guests at New England resorts arrive by auto. Worker who has gas allowance for daily transportation can use that gallonage during vacation period (if conscience doesn't prick) and drive to fairly distant resort.

Many farmers, forced to abandon their land for army camps have been asking whether they will have chance eventually to buy back homesteads. Surplus War Property Administration now says, "Yes." Original owners will be given preference in disposal proceedings.

PM, liberal daily and staunch supporter of Administration—an organ that has probably printed president's name 10,000 times—came out last wk with reference to "Franklin P Roosevelt."



AUTOMOBILES Coming up, postwar is an improved rubber sheet to replace wooden separators between plates in auto batteries. (Now used by armed services). Charged battery may be shipped without acid or water; will remain charged, dry, for yr. (*U S Rubber Co.*)

PLASTICS: New type plastic foam, lower in heat conductivity than wool, glass, cork, is announced. Self-raising, self-curing, it multiplies 30 times in volume in a few minutes. Many peacetime applications. (*Gen'l Electric.*)

PROCESSES: New chlorination treatment for wool, developed in England (and mentioned here previously) is now being improved under test in U. S. Army. Wool garments thus treated will refuse to shrink; will yield 50% more service without darning.

PUBLICATIONS: Gov't is now developing series of 20 pamphlets, instructing veterans how to launch and operate new businesses. Subjects include principal service businesses: groceries, restaurants, dry cleaning, auto repairs, as well as contracting, metal working, etc. For copies, write Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce, Washington, D. C. (Under certain conditions, gov't will finance veteran in new business.)

TRANSPORTATION: Entirely new type lightweight suburban passenger coach, known as 'threedex' is ready for production soon as WPB will release materials. This commuter coach will seat 112; provide air conditioning, 4 game rooms, other innovations. (*Pullman-Standard Car Mfg Co.*)

PEACE—and War

The Indian carved the peace pipe
With artistry and skill;
His brother made the arrows
To insure peace and good will.
—MARY GRAHAM LUND, *Detroit News.*

POLITICS

There are two sides to every question. The politicians, as usual, are trying to be on both of them.

PRIVACY

There are only two occasions when Americans respect privacy, especially in Presidents. Those are prayer and fishing. Perhaps that is why every President in modern times has been a fisherman.—HERBERT HOOVER.

PROGRESS

Human progress throughout the ages has depended on people who did more than their share.—Editorial in *J'nl of the Nat'l Education Ass'n.*

RACE—Hatred

That every man has a right to his own opinion is an American boast. But race hatred isn't an opinion; it's a phobia. It isn't a viewpoint; race hatred is a disease.

In a people's world the incurable racist has no rights. He must be deprived of influence in a people's gov't. He must be segregated as he himself would segregate the colored and semitic peoples—as we now segregate the leprosy and insane.—ORSON WELLES, Editorial, *Free World*, 7-44.

RELIGION—Need for

Many moderns have supposed that science and education were displacing the Gospel and making it needless. Upon the contrary, the more mature society grows, scientifically and educationally, the more critical is man's need of the principles of life, the sustaining faiths, the goals of endeavor, and the kind of character that Christ brought to the world.—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK.

SERVICE

They give you a warm welcome at London hotels nowadays. Each

morning at 8 the maid knocks at your door and asks hopefully, "Are you checking out, sir?"—ERNEST BYFIELD, in a cable to *Chicago Herald-American.*

SPEECH—Speaking

A Methodist minister in a Scotch hamlet had a habit of perorating, but on one occasion failed to end his sermon with a passionate torrent of words. He was taken to task for this by one of the stewards who said, "Tha niver gied us a peroration today."

"No," said the minister, "I didn't feel like it."

"Well," said the steward, "I missed it. I like a peroration. It's like a pig's tail. It gives a finish to t'animal."—*Methodist Recorder.*

TIME

Tim asked permission to go over and play with the little boy in the next block.

"Yes," said his mother, a very precise individual, "you may go—for an hour."

"Aw, mom," wheedled the youngster, "can't I stay one of those church hours?"

VIEWPOINT

A Negro child had been told by his mother that the lion was the strongest animal in the world. "A lion can whup anythin'" the boy's mother assured him—"a horse, a man, even a elephant, I 'spec—anythin'."

One day the boy brought home a colored print showing a young man, with his bare hands, tearing the jaws of a lion. "Mammy," he said, dubiously, "how come this picture, if a lion is so strong, lak you say?"

"Honey chill," the mother replied without hesitation, "Ah reckon no lion done painted dat picture."—Contributed by Rev W HAMILTON AULENBACH.

WAR—Limitations

We can destroy a man's gun by force but we cannot destroy by compulsion an idea in his mind or a loyalty in his heart.—Rep WALTER H JUDD.

WOMEN—and Wisdom

The less a man knows about a woman the wiser he is.—Grit.

"... insults from America must be wiped out"

In reading the day-to-day diary which Jos C GREW kept during his period as U S Ambassador to Japan, one is inevitably impressed by the long period of smoldering animosity on the part of the Japanese, which culminated in dramatic flame on Dec 7, '41. Almost from the day of his arrival Ambassador Grew sensed this dangerous situation, and repeatedly gave warning to our State Dept. The diary, which has recently been published as a book, under the title, *Ten Years in Japan* (Simon & Schuster, \$3.75) is not only fascinating reading, but also a valuable contribution to contemporary history. We cite here only a few excerpts to mark the Japanese trend. The reader will find many more for himself.

Sept 3, '32—I don't want to be sensational, but I do want to go on record—continually—that the Japanese Gov't intends to proceed with its program in Manchuria unless prevented by superior physical force. . .

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Nov 2, '34—We have a 1st-hand rep't of a meeting at Young Men's and Ex-Soldiers' ass'n in Kobe, where a Lt-Col Matsumoto made an inflammatory address, the gist of which was as follows:

1—The outcome of the Naval Conference is immaterial in that Japan now has a preponderance of warships of the class desired, and will continue to maintain this advantage. Japan is in a position to defeat America at any time, and, in fact, any other country or combination of countries.

2—American duplicity during former naval conferences degraded Japan, and this insult to the Imperial Navy must be avenged.

3—America is the one nation that stands in the way of justice. The long list of insults from that country must be wiped out; to establish Japan as the just ruler of the world, America must be crushed.

4—America, formerly the richest and most opulent nation, has become weak and flabby thru dissipation; now is the time for Japan to prove the worth of her inheritance of the Yamato Damashii. . . Japan has never lost a war and never will.

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Dec 20, '37—The crisis arising from the incident of the *Panay* has tended to exacerbate our nerves and feelings. That incident does seem really incredible. . . Hitherto the Japanese have pleaded "poor visibility" in bombing hospitals, missionary institutions, universities. No such plea can be advanced for the *Panay*. It looks very much as if, having sunk the ship from a height (although the American flag was clearly painted or stretched on the awnings) planes dived low and Army launches approached to machine-gun survivors. There could

have been no possibility of failure to see the American flag. It looks very much as if the intention was to exterminate witnesses of the original bombing. We hear on good authority that at least the military, and probably the Navy, too, had given orders that every boat on the Yangtze was to be attacked, although they knew precise position of our ships. As details of this brutality come out at home, it may result in a breach of diplomatic relations.

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Jan 1, '41—With all our desire to keep America out of war and at peace with all nations, especially with Japan, it would be the height of folly to allow ourselves to be lulled into a feeling of false security. Japan, not we, is on the war path, and that path is not a whit less dangerous to our own future welfare because it is camouflaged in such righteous-sounding terms as the "New Order in Greater East Asia including the South Seas" and the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere." If Americans who counsel appeasement could read a few articles in current Japanese magazines, wherein their real desires and intentions are given expression, our peace-minded fellow countrymen would realize the utter hopelessness of a policy of appeasement. The time for that has passed. Only thru discrediting the Japanese extremists by failure of their plans can we hope to see peace in East Asia. Unarrested, the cancer will progressively invade everything within reach until its malignant control can perhaps never be checked. But if the cancer is arrested and rendered impotent in its earlier stages, we may yet see Japan ret'n to healthy ways.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

Building "The Big Ditch"

Thirty yrs ago this month—Aug 15, '14—the Panama Canal was opened to navigation. The project of joining the Atlantic and the Pacific had existed for centuries; it was one of the companions of Balboa who first broached the idea. We of a later generation cannot readily realize the difficulties that preceded and encompassed its construction. The task had already been undertaken and abandoned by the French. That the job was ever completed at all is due chiefly to the vision and dogged determination of two men—Pres THEODORE ROOSEVELT and Col GEO W GOETHALS. Significantly, each was eager to give the other fullest credit and highest praise:

"The real builder of the Panama Canal was Theodore Roosevelt. The execution of the work was directed by other hands, chosen and empowered by him, but if he had personally lifted every shovelful of earth in its construction he could not be more fully entitled to chief credit than he is for the accomplishment of the task."—GEO W GOETHALS, in an unpublished manuscript.

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"Col Goethals proved to be the man of all others to do the job. It would be impossible to overstate what he has done. It is the greatest task of any kind that any man in the world has accomplished during the yrs that Col Goethals has been at work. It is the greatest task of its own kind that has ever been performed in the world at all. Col Goethals has succeeded in instilling into the men under him a spirit which elsewhere has been found only in a few victorious armies."—THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in his *Autobiography* (Macmillan, '16).

A Scotsman who had worked for many years on railroads in his native land, came to the U S and settled in a remote section of the middle west. Soon after his arrival there was a project for a ry thru the district.

"Hoot, mon," said the Scot to a neighbor who brought the exciting tidings, "ye canna build a ry across this country?"

"And why not, Ferguson?"

"Why not? You ask me, 'Why not?' Dinna ya see the country's flat as a floor? Ye hae nae place at all t' run your toonels thru."—*Rails*, hm, C&O Ry.

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"My girl has remarkable talents."

"Mine isn't so good-looking, either."



OF THE WEEK

The optimists in Germany are studying English; the pessimists are trying to master Russian.—LARRY LESEUR, CBS European correspondent.

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The only thing sure about the final capture of Berlin is that the Germans will say it's of no strategic importance. — Ron't QUILLEN.

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It now appears probable that when Americans march into Berlin they'll be assured of a hearty welcome—from the Red Army.—SEN SOAPER.

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American soldiers express surprise that so many London statues are undamaged. In our opinion, the Luftwaffe did this deliberately.—*London Opinion*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

THE GOVERNOR GUFFAWED

LESTER C HUNT,
Governor of Wyoming

You often hear a defeated candidate say that if he had gotten the votes of all who promised support, he would have won the election.

This may be one explanation:

An elector had attended a rally and met opposing candidates for the same office. To each, the elector promised his vote. Later, a friend remonstrated. "That's a dirty trick," he said.

"I don't call it a dirty trick," replied the elector, unperturbed. "I pleased both of the candidates when I told each I would vote for him. Now, on election day, I will please myself."

A matron of our acquaintance has learned, thru the yrs not to take her husband's irascible outbursts too seriously. Often, with a gleam of appropriate wit, she gets the better of him. The most recent occasion was when she ret'd from the marts of trade, arrayed in a new millinery creation.

"You paid \$10 for that thing!" the outraged male cried, "And you have the nerve to call it a hat. Why, it's a sin, I tell you, a sin!"

"Well, after all, dear," said the wife, complacently adjusting her treasure to a new angle, "the sin is on my head."

Small Patsy had just ret'd from a birthday party and was complaining to her mother about the treatment she had rec'd from the other little guests.

"Well," said her mother, "if you found you could not play happily with the others, why didn't you excuse yourself politely and come home?"

Came the sophisticated reply: "Times have changed, Mother. I just slapped them and stayed."

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Little Nora was fascinated by animal life on the farm and asked innumerable questions. In answer to one of these queries, a farmhand explained that he was taking Ada, the mule, to have new shoes put on her.

Nora pondered this bit of information for some time, then turned to her father with still another question: "Daddy, how are they going to make Ada sit down at the shoe store?"

